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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Rain in west; rain or snow in east; colder except on coast.

MAYOR SMITH'S MESSAGE.

Hon. A. M. Smith has been duly inaugurated as Mayor of the City of Astoria, and has presented to the council and the public, his first official message as such officer. It is quite lengthy, and contains some excellent and pertinent suggestions, most of which the Morning Astorian has been uttering and reiterating for the past three years, and which now find emphasis in the Mayor's tentative confession of their necessitous enactment.

Chief among the important items touched upon by Mayor Smith are the frankly admitted facts of an access of public indebtedness and the certainty of a deficit pending, and its cause; a situation he has the good sense to declare, and to advise the redemption of through a course of sharp economy on the part of the council and the departmental officers. Just how sincere this advice is, and just how effective it will be, remains to be seen. The Mayor attempts to find a morsel of comfort in the untenable conclusion that the property the city owns and the property it has a presumptive lien upon through the delinquencies of certain citizens who have failed to pay their street improvement assessments, serves as assets against the public obligations of the city, when he knows, as all well informed lawyers know, that such property rights do not, in law, stand as legal assets at all; but, be this as it may, his stand for economy is well taken and the people will hail his veto of any and all extravagance most heartily.

He proposes to avoid all "unnecessary and reckless projects" in the matter of street improvements and confine the operations in this behalf to those which "are urgently required," a doctrine that will be appreciated in exact ratio with its observance. He proposes an occupation tax as an expedient for the raising of more revenue; but before he gets through with it he will find, as all other cities of this size that have attempted it have found, that it is fallacious, and practically useless.

He has the frankness to admit, at this somewhat late day, that his pet measure, the "Seawall Bill" contains "some objectionable features," and suggests that when it shall have been shorn of them, it may be again submitted to the people, along with the "Port of Astoria" bill, which he claims is technically inoperative; he is equally candid in regard to the

raising of the grades of the streets before any extensive and logical improvements can be made with safety and success; but he might have saved his candor in relation to the Seawall measure, since that is a dead issue until this city is in infinitely better condition than it is now, and no special election will be tolerated for an instant on a proposition that can be dispensed with as easily as that can, the laches with regard to the Port bill may be adjusted in court, if it becomes necessary; and the grades will be taken care of all in due time.

His proposition to establish a poor farm or a workhouse or a rock-crusher, for the employment of the helpless poor of Astoria, is too ridiculous to notice; there are no helpless poor in Astoria, and unless he wants such an institution as an annex to the city jail, wherein to work the idle delinquents, and save the city some of the cost of their maintenance, there is no sense nor virtue in the suggestion, which is too ambiguous for definite treatment. The people will not stand for any more costly municipal appurtenances, if the Astorian has any justifiable estimate of the public temper. The Mayor very deliberately slurs the moral conditions of the city and thinks "they are generally satisfactory," a quiescence that is well understood here, and which early developments are likely to confirm. A point on which the Morning Astorian will have much more to say, especially as to the gambling element, as the days go by.

The message is that of a politician; it has no business quality to it and was written, apparently, to square himself with certain factions he knows to be aggressively "for" his "open town" predilections; it is transparently a plea for a suspension of public judgment, until he can feel his way to the exploitation of policies unhindered in the document; whatever of tacit commitment it contains having been conceded to the imperative demand of taxpayers that will not stand for very much more in the way of flagrant official folly.

It may as well be understood now, as later, that the Morning Astorian will honestly and frankly endorse every clever and helpful thing Mayor Smith shall do as the city's executive, criticize and fight, and champion the public's prerogative, whenever occasion arises. It is not predisposed against the Mayor or the Council, as things stand, nor will it cultivate any untoward spirit of opposition; but knowing what is does of the temperamental conditions here, it reserves the right to stay in the open and scrap for the right, as the public sees it, until the popular will is respected here far more than it has been in the past.

UNDERSTANDABLE BOOKS.

If a city is entitled to any one thing more than another it is a clear and understandable set of books in which is recorded its financial operations and balances. According to the report of the gentlemen last engaged to expert the books of Astoria, the city ledger, the very core-record of its money and warrant accounts, is so ambiguous as to defy the intelligent training of these men and they frankly so report it. What more emphatic plea can be urged for the instant and thorough analysis of the accounts and records of the city than this?

That those ambiguities are due to confusion, to changing law, to uncertainties of responsibility; to incongruities of service, or report, or record; mistakes, misinformation, or other admissible causes, all are willing to admit, in deference to the well known ability and honesty of the officers who have had charge of these things, and the necessity for a comprehensive and exhaustive experting of the books is as essential in this behalf as in the larger claim of public confidence and assurance.

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SUMMARY OF CLATSOP COUNTY FUNDS

MR. SHERMAN'S RECAPITULATION SHOWS MANY INTERESTING FIGURES.

W. A. Sherman, the county treasurer, yesterday announced a summary of the accounts of his office for the half year ending December 31, 1908, and the figures are of interest to all taxpayers. The entire recapitulation is as follows:

Receipts.	
Balance on hand, July, '08.	\$47,498.34
Received from Sheriff, taxes 1907	16,160.19
Received from Sheriff, delinquent taxes	294.69
Received from Sheriff, penalty and interest	1,215.97
Received from Sheriff, excess of taxes	31.55
Received from Sheriff, fees of office	315.75
Received from Clerk, fees of office	2,810.08
Received from Clerk, redemption fees	53.47
Received from Justice and Circuit court, fines	602.50
Received from Road Supt., poll tax	900.00
Received from Road Dist. No. 4, poll tax	58.35
Received from Road Dist. No. 5, poll tax	67.50
Received from State Treasurer, State apportionment	3,595.20
Received from Co. School Superintendent, fees	53.00
Received from C. S. Dow, excess appropriation	285.37
Received for sale old furniture and lumber	27.35
Received for sundry small items	5.70
Total receipts	\$26,476.07
Total	\$73,974.41

Disbursements.

Paid general fund warrants	\$22,414.00
Paid interest on same	863.64
Paid court house warrants	1,454.54
Paid interest on same	24.87
Paid special road fund warrants	20,763.99
Paid Astoria road fund warrants	406.00
Paid County School Apportionment orders	10,214.35
Paid County School Library fund	410.52
Paid special tax to school districts	4,641.54
Paid special tax cities and towns	2,474.76
Total disbursements	\$63,668.12
Balance on hand	10,306.29
Warrants Called and Not Presented.	
General fund warrants and interest	\$1,313.74
Court House fund warrants and interest	1,819.95
Total available cash	\$7,172.50

W. A. SHERMAN, County Treasurer.

That this examination of the books should be done by an outsider, one utterly untrammelled by affiliation, interest, or personal concern, need not be urged here. It is so universally the rule as to preclude argument of any kind. In fact, any insistence that it be done by local experts is liable to be misconstrued in derogation both of the home accountant and of those who plead too hard for such a course.

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JANUARY 1909.					JANUARY 1909.				
High Water.		A. M.		P. M.	Low Water.		A. M.		P. M.
Date.	h. m. ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m. ft.	Date.	h. m. ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m. ft.
Friday	1 8:32	8 4	9:45	6.5	Friday	1 2:18	2 4	3:35	0.8
Saturday	2 9:25	8 7	10:50	6.6	Saturday	2 3:20	2 9	4:35	0.1
SUNDAY	3 10:16	9 0	11:47	6.8	SUNDAY	3 4:22	3 1	5:30	-0.5
Monday	4 11:05	9 1	12:40	7.0	Monday	4 5:17	3 3	6:15	-1.0
Tuesday	5 11:46	9 2	1:35	7.2	Tuesday	5 6:15	3 5	7:05	-1.5
Wednesday	6 1:22	7 1	12:28	9.1	Wednesday	6 7:15	3 7	8:14	-1.2
Thursday	7 2:00	7 1	1:05	8.8	Thursday	7 8:15	3 8	9:14	-1.0
Friday	8 2:35	7 3	1:42	8.5	Friday	8 9:15	3 5	10:14	-0.6
Saturday	9 3:08	7 3	2:20	8.1	Saturday	9 10:15	3 3	11:14	-0.1
SUNDAY	10 3:40	7 4	2:55	7.7	SUNDAY	10 11:15	3 3	12:14	0.9
Monday	11 4:10	7 4	3:35	7.2	Monday	11 12:15	3 0	1:14	1.4
Tuesday	12 4:45	7 5	4:20	6.7	Tuesday	12 1:15	3 0	2:14	2.1
Wednesday	13 5:20	7 5	5:20	6.2	Wednesday	13 2:15	3 0	3:14	2.7
Thursday	14 6:00	7 5	6:25	5.8	Thursday	14 3:15	2 6	4:14	2.2
Friday	15 6:47	7 7	7:43	5.6	Friday	15 4:15	2 3	5:14	1.7
Saturday	16 7:43	7 8	9:04	5.6	Saturday	16 5:15	2 3	6:14	1.5
SUNDAY	17 8:38	8 1	10:15	5.9	SUNDAY	17 6:15	2 3	7:14	1.0
Monday	18 9:34	8 5	11:15	6.5	Monday	18 7:15	2 3	8:14	0.5
Tuesday	19 10:25	8 9	12:15	7.0	Tuesday	19 8:15	2 3	9:14	0.1
Wednesday	20 11:15	9 3	1:15	7.3	Wednesday	20 9:15	2 3	10:14	0.5
Thursday	21 12:05	9 5	2:15	7.5	Thursday	21 10:15	2 3	11:14	1.0
Friday	22 1:05	7 5	12:06	9.5	Friday	22 11:15	2 3	12:14	1.5
Saturday	23 2:15	8 2	1:45	9.2	Saturday	23 12:15	2 3	1:14	2.0
SUNDAY	24 2:58	8 5	2:34	9.2	SUNDAY	24 1:15	2 3	2:14	2.5
Monday	25 3:40	8 6	3:26	8.7	Monday	25 2:15	2 3	3:14	3.0
Tuesday	26 4:20	8 7	4:24	7.9	Tuesday	26 3:15	2 3	4:14	3.5
Wednesday	27 5:08	8 7	5:28	7.3	Wednesday	27 4:15	2 3	5:14	4.0
Thursday	28 6:00	8 5	6:44	6.6	Thursday	28 5:15	2 3	6:14	4.5
Friday	29 6:55	8 4	8:08	6.2	Friday	29 6:15	2 3	7:14	5.0
Saturday	30 7:54	8 4	9:33	6.2	Saturday	30 7:15	2 3	8:14	5.5
SUNDAY	31 8:55	8 4	10:46	6.4	SUNDAY	31 8:15	2 3	9:14	6.0

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